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## Council Begins Budget Review In Semi-darkness from Outage

by Thomas X. White

Greenbelt City Council review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 city budget got off to a shaky start on Monday, April 3 in council chambers darkened by a fast-moving thunderstorm. When the power didn't return, the worksession moved into the second floor hallway, dimly lit by emergency power.

This first budget worksession covered budget overview, revenues and social services. Attending were Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Treasurer Jeff Williams, CARES Director Liz Park and Boxwood resident Robert Fireovid. Park had to complete her presentation on Social Services in the hallway's dim light.

The Greenbelt Social Services budget, proposed at \$425,900, is for city seniors, children and families. Services include family counseling by Greenbelt CARES, counseling for school-based youths, school-based skill building/discussion groups, adult workshops, crisis intervention re-

sources, vocational education services including tutoring, GED and babysitting courses, staffing for the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) recognition plus award programs, the ACE reading programs and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program.

The Social Service budget is supported by \$77,500 in a direct grant from the state, Prince George's County grants totaling \$17,300, \$2,000 from the GED co-pay fees and city funding of \$329,100.

The largest increase in operating expenses for next year is slightly more than \$10,000 for supporting the Strengthening Families program in Springhill Lake. Park said that the school principals are reporting good experiences with the participating families and that the parents tend to offer mutual support after taking part.

The proposed budget would increase staffing from 7.2 full-time equivalents to 7.3 to provide extra hours for family counseling.

Other issues in the Social Services budget include scheduling for the school-based discussion

groups and restructuring the ACE Reading Club program next year to rely more on after-school club meetings, Teen Book discussion groups, Parent/Child Book Discussion, Book Buddies, Summer Club meetings plus a variety of contests and newsletters.

These adjustments to the program delivery stem from the limited time available during the school day for extracurricular activities since start of the No Child Left Behind Act.

### GAIL Program

Another issue for FY07: to develop a strategic plan to look at expanding programs under the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL). Park noted that the program has been operating for four years, led by the city's Resource Advocate, it has expanded services, including a brown-bag food delivery and visiting nurse programs, a monthly GAIL newsletter, Cable Cast information shows, an AARP-sponsored money management program and three new programs: for adaptable medical equipment,

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## Friends' Seventh Graders Study Greenbelt's Founding Principles

*(The following article was prepared by the seventh grade students of Friends Community School with the assistance of their teacher Elizabeth Hole. Their new school is being built on land next to Greenbelt Park.)*

During the last two months, the 7th grade class at Friends Community School has been studying the founding principles of Greenbelt in order to learn about the components of a planned community. We were interested in the original beliefs and in the ways they shaped the construction and design of Greenbelt. Then we wanted to know how the original founding principles are seen today.

We interviewed five generous people: Jill St. John, the curator of the Greenbelt Museum; Bill Phelan, assistant director of the Department of Public Works; Peter Curtis, Greenbelt resident; Susan Richardson, Greenbelt resi-

dent; and Hardy Cook, former Greenbelt resident. We asked them questions including: Why do they live in Greenbelt? What would they now change about the founding principles and what do they value about the founding Greenbelt philosophy?

### Still Committed

As we interviewed these people, we discovered they are still very committed to the original founding principles of Greenbelt – a green environment; a healthy, active life style; cooperation; affordability and active participation in the running of the community. We learned that the only changes these residents would make today in the founding principles are changes our society as a whole has made since that time.

For instance, Bill Phelan now uses more native, drought-resistant plants in landscaping. But that is something our society has learned to do since the 1930s. Similarly, many of the people we interviewed were relieved by the desegregation of the city and by the redefinition of a family unit that can be allowed to live in one house today.

Finally, many of the people we interviewed appreciated the change from the early rules designed to keep the community neat and tidy

because it was a showcase community. People today are glad to have more freedom about what they can wear in public and when they can hang out their laundry.

It is very interesting to conclude that all these changes in the original, founding principles are essentially changes that have occurred in our society as a whole since that time.

### Greenbelt Today

When asked what these residents value about Greenbelt today, their answers again affirm the founding principles of Greenbelt. These residents like the opportunity to walk to the shopping area without crossing roads. They value living in a small, court-based community where young children can play in relative safety with slightly reduced supervision and within a caring adult community.

They like working cooperatively within their courts to solve problems about issues such as pets or to plan group activities and parties. They enjoy living in a community where people can actively disagree about an issue and yet continue their friendship because no one takes the issues personally.

Several of those we inter-

See **FCS STUDY**, page 6

## ICC Deadlines Come and Go One Has Passed, One Ahead

by Elaine Skolnik

Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over till it's over," and once again the deadline for public review of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) has been extended. This time it's hard to explain. The deadline for the public comment period of the Final Environmental Impact statement (FEIS), already extended several times, is over. That date – April 11 – has come and gone. The response deadline to an additional report prepared by the Maryland Department of Transportation, which analyzed new requirements by the Environmental Protection Agency and initially shared with FEIS that April 11 deadline, has been extended to April 26. Comments on this technical report, "project-level PM2.5 conformity determination,"

must be received by 5 p.m. on April 26.

A copy of the ICC PM2.5 report and the technical analysis can be reviewed at the ICC website ([www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org)), by calling and making a request toll-free at 1-866-462-0020 or by visiting the Maryland State Highway Administration District 3 Office, 9300 Kenilworth Avenue, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration and the Maryland Transportation Authority conclude in their report that their analysis shows the construction of the preferred alternative (Master Plan/Southern Route) "will not cause

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## Adult Care Center Lease Under Discussion with City

by Sharahn Boykin

The renewal, terms and conditions of the To God Be the Glory Adult Care Center's (TGBTG) lease agreement remained undetermined after the city council's scheduled worksession to review the organization's operations on March 29.

Council required the six-month review as a condition of giving the organization a one-year lease last year. Council gave the center a one-year lease after CEO LaWonne Booker explained that the adult care center would have problems obtaining credit and leasing equipment with a six-month lease. TGBTG and council are scheduled to meet again in October when the lease expires.

During the meeting, Booker said that she would like to have

a minimum of a three-year lease.

"We're not asking for a 20-year lease nor a one-year lease since we're giving out almost half a million dollars for vehicles, maintenance and improvements to the center," Booker said. Improvements to the center include painting, re-carpeting and purchasing new furniture for the kitchen. "With that investment, we would like to have a lease to back up what we're setting out to do," she said.

Many of the tenants in the Community Center are on a year-to-year lease, said City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Most of these tenants are smaller operations such as artists renting studios. The largest tenants in the

See **ADULT CARE**, page 6

### What Goes On

**Saturday, April 15**

**10 a.m. SHARP**, Annual Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Lake Park

**Monday, April 17**

**8 p.m.**, Budget Worksession – Planning and Community Development and Capital Projects, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71).

**Wednesday, April 19**

**7:30 p.m.**, Budget Worksession – Public Works, Community Center

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room #114

**Thursday, April 20**

**7:30 p.m.**, Forest Preserve Task Force Meeting, Community Center Conference Room

**Saturday, April 22**

**10 a.m. to noon**, Celebrate Earth Day with the Recycling and Environment Committee. Plant Native Plants at Hillside Underpass/Crescent Road

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Public Works Open House, 555 Crescent Road

**Noon**, Join Advisory Committee on Trees for Arbor Day Planting, Hillside Underpass/Crescent Road – Followed by City Tour of Large and Unusual Trees Throughout the City. Tour Pickup also at Public Works Open House

### Extra Hours For Tax Mailing

Individuals in Maryland have an extra day – until Tuesday, April 18 – to file Federal, State and local tax returns, according to the Internal Revenue Service. Maryland's deadline is Tuesday April 18. The closest post office to Greenbelt with extended hours is in Laurel at 324 Main Street, which will be open from 10 a.m. to midnight on the 18th.



Letters

State Responds  
On Roosevelt Stoplight

*In response to a letter from Michael McLaughlin, city manager, the Maryland State Highway Administration sent the following letter.*

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

This letter is in response to your concerns regarding the installation of a traffic signal at MD 193 (Greenbelt Road) at Frankfort Drive/Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt MD. The State Highway Administration (SHA) appreciates your interest and shares your concern for roadway safety.

My traffic engineering staff has completed their review and we would like to share the findings with you. Please note that the SHA follows the nationally accepted “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices” (MUTCD) as the guide for when and where various traffic control devices should be installed. Numerous factors are evaluated including traffic volumes, crash history, delays and pedestrian volumes, just to name a few. We have initiated a process consisting of fluorescent signage and school pavement markings in addition to a request to Mr. Thomas Hicks, director, Office of Traffic and Safety, for consideration of additional traffic control at the intersection. At this time our office is not convinced that a traffic signal would adequately replace the control and safety that the crossing guards currently provide. While the signage and pavement markings will be implemented as soon as weather and scheduling permits, we will gain insight into our request shortly.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or my Assistant District Engineer for Traffic, Mr. Lee Starkloff at 301-513-7359 or 800-749-0737.

Sincerely,  
Darrell B. Mobley  
District Engineer

THANKS

The Greenbelt Assistance In Living (GAIL) program would like to thank Social Work Intern Nailah Gubern for her outstanding service to the Seniors and Spanish-speaking residents of Greenbelt during her internship. She has been a wonderful asset to our team and will be greatly missed. Gubern’s last day is April 26.

Christal Batey,  
GAIL Resource Advocate

OLD GREENBELT  
THEATRE  
WEEK OF APRIL 14  
THANK YOU FOR  
SMOKING (R)

Friday  
\*5:20, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday  
\*1:00, \*3:10, \*5:20, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday  
\*1:00, \*3:10, \*5:20, 7:30

Monday – Thursday  
\*5:20, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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Greenbelt Kids Will Soar  
In Cheverly “Peter Pan” Show

by Nancy B. Solomon

Kids of the Cheverly Young Actors Guild (CYAG), including Greenbelt youngsters, will fly through the air in the Broadway musical version of “Peter Pan” at the Publick Playhouse. The play runs Thursday, May 4 through Sunday, May 7. The theater is located at 5445 Landover Road in Cheverly.

The actors take off with the help of ZFX Flying Effects, the same company that flies Cathy Rigby on Broadway. The show will also feature a live orchestra. Two separate casts – both of which include kids from Greenbelt – will alternate performances.

Greenbelters in the “red” cast include Sophia Sanborn (age 13) as the Magic Tree; Aaron Solomon (age 11) as the pirate Sam Jones; and Isaac Solomon (age 9) as the lost boy Nibs. The red cast performs at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 and on

Saturday, May 6, plus 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

Greenbelters in the “blue” cast include Makally Conteh (age 15) as the pirate Sam Jones; Liza Ellis (age 12) as the lost boy Tootles; Matthew Ellis (age 15) as the pirate Dead Eye Dan; Anna Flynn (age 12) as the lost boy Smiley; and Emma McMullin (age 12) as an Indian maiden. The blue cast performs at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5; at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6; and at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

There is a fee, with a reduction for children, students and seniors. To purchase tickets call the box office at 301-277-1710 (TTY 301-277-0312).

CYAG is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Cheverly Recreation Council. Information about the play is available at [www.cheverlyyoungactors.com](http://www.cheverlyyoungactors.com).

Arthritis Walk Seeks Help and Participants

The third annual Prince George’s County Arthritis Foundation Chapter 5K fun walk will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the walk kick-off at 10 a.m. The local walk is part of a nationwide walk to raise awareness and crucial funds to fight arthritis, the nation’s leading cause of disability.

This is a fun-filled arthritis-awareness event, a fundraiser for research for a cure and for outreach programs offered locally. There is no fee to register or attend and there are no distance requirements for this event – it is a recreational walking event designed to accommodate those needing to respect limitations. Participants with arthritis will receive “Hero” caps. There will be

donation challenges and rewards at multiple levels.

Online registration is now available for individual walkers and teams for the Greenbelt site and four other walk sites being coordinated by the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Community service hours are available for students participating in pre-event and event-day activities and educational sessions. In addition to walkers and teams, the group is seeking captains, sponsors and volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer for the Greenbelt Walk event call 301-335-7689 for ERHS site committee members Jean Mattie or Barbara Taylor. The foundation office contact is Tanya Gleason at 202-537-6800, ext. 3016.

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or contribute to a new violation of the PM2.5” air quality standards.

Meanwhile, in a 129-page document, the Environmental Defense, Coalition for Smarter Growth and other major environmental and citizens groups “assailed the seriously flawed” proposed 18-mile toll road.

The report claims that the

FEIS fails to adequately evaluate the significant adverse impacts that air pollutants generated by the ICC are likely to have on human health, including the health of children and elderly located nearby the proposed six-lane highway, such as the playground fields of Drew Elementary School, located less than 400 feet away from the ICC right-of-way.

Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt  
DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF GREENBELT

GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

with announced candidate for the Democratic nomination  
to run for the United States Senate Kweisi Mfume,  
featuring a discussion of the issues the Democratic candidate will  
face in the forthcoming election.

Friday, April 21, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Building  
7600 Hanover Parkway at Greenbelt Road (Rte. 193)

Refreshments and Social after the meeting.  
Everyone is welcome. Join us!  
For information, call 301-474-2896

Grin Belt

“I thought I heard Easter Acorn Hunt . . . .”

Explorations Topic Is Stem Cell Research

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation on stem cell research by John Kellerman on Friday, April 21 at 1 p.m. Kellerman is a member of the Board of Maryland Families for Stem Cell Research. He will discuss stem cell research, the possibilities, promises and political issues.

Kellerman has an MBA in finance. After working for a number of years in the banking industry, he had to retire on disability in 2001 due to Parkinson’s disease. Since then, he has spent the majority of his time in a volunteer capacity within the Parkinson’s community, providing support for other Parkinson’s patients and their families, as well as lobbying in Annapolis for the passage of stem cell legislation in Maryland. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Families for Stem Cell Research, Inc., as well as on the Advisory Board for Johns Hopkins Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Center. He is also the co-founder of the Deep Brain Stimulation Support Group.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center in the Senior Classroom, #114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## Bridge Anyone?

Anyone who is interested in learning to play bridge is invited to contact Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208, ext. 2054 or by email at khaseley@greenbeltnmd.gov to identify preferred days and times. The Greenbelt Recreation Department will organize a beginning bridge class if there are enough interested students.

## Medicare D Sessions Held in Greenbelt

Overwhelmed by the thought of having to choose a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan? For those who have been to presentations, read articles and listened to friends and are still confused, the Prince George’s County Department of Family Services Area Agency on Aging will present “Medicare Part D – What You Need to Know” Tuesday, April 25 and Friday, May 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Second Floor.

Pre-registration is required. Call the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) office at 301-265-8450 to reserve a space. For those currently receiving Medicare, May 15 is the deadline to sign up to avoid being penalized. People with additional questions about selecting a specific plan who would like a one-on-one meeting to determine the best plan for them should contact the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program Office at 301-474-8000 ext. 2012 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesdays until 8 p.m.

## “Ask the Experts” Cable Show

The “Ask the Experts” cable show will offer viewers a variety of topics this spring including: Tuesday, April 18, “Fat and Cholesterol – What You Need to Know” and Tuesday, May 16, “Disaster Preparedness for Seniors, Part 2.”

“Ask the Experts” is filmed at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road from 11 a.m. to noon. People should RSVP if they will be attending by calling Earnestine Rice, GAIL Program senior aide, at 301-474-8000 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events:  
Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Common area clean up. Pick up bags between 9 a.m. and noon.  
Sunday, April 16, 1 p.m., Easter Day clean up of woodlands. Meet at playground, 4 Court Gardenway.  
Monday, April 17, 6 p.m., Investment Committee meeting.  
Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., Finance Committee meeting.  
Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to noon, Earth Day tree potting project, GHI Administrative Building.  
Monday, April 24, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase orientation.  
All meetings take place at GHI unless otherwise indicated.

## Greenbriar Holds Senior Luncheon

On Tuesday, April 18 Greenbriar will offer a luncheon for seniors from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. The event is free for Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents and their guests. Advance registration is needed and can be made by calling the Greenbriar management office at 301-441-1096 ext. 11.

## Golden to Speak To Writers Group

Best-selling author and international lecturer Marita Golden will speak to the Greenbelt Writers’ Group at the Friday regular meeting to be held April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Anyone interested is invited to hear her talk about her writings, her projects and about writing in general.

Golden has written several novels including “Long Distance Life,” cited as “Best Book of the Year” by The Washington Post. She co-edited “Gumbo: An Anthology of African American Writing.” She is also a celebrated memoirist and essayist with themes of family and identity in the face of cultural changes. Golden has taught creative writing at George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth University and lectured extensively on literature, women’s studies and African-American literature.

Golden founded the Washington, D.C.-based African American Writers Guild and currently heads the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation, which offers workshops on writing in Hyattsville. Golden holds degrees from American and Columbia Universities.

## Peters to Hold Town Meeting

A town hall meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Station. The meeting will be hosted by Douglas J.J. Peters, councilmember for District 4, Prince George’s County Council. This meeting is for residents of the Greenbelt and College Park areas. For additional information call 301-952-3094.

## Senior Swim On Mondays

For seniors who enjoy the water, a regular senior swim is held on Monday mornings at 11 a.m. The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center weekly event begins with deck and water exercises led by Betty Down. The swim is weekly, with the first Monday of each month also including a social when members bring finger foods to share with the class.

The class is free for all GAFC passholders; there is a minimum fee for non-passholders.

Call 240-542-2054 for more information.



**Babe Ruth Baseball Signups**

Players 13-15 call Mark at 301 793-0097

Players 16-18 call Bob at 301 345-1033

## The Volunteer Vignette

by Joe Parisi,  
GAIL Volunteer Coordinator  
We are currently searching for volunteers for two of our senior programs, the Brown Bag Food Program and the Adaptable Equipment Program. Volunteers for the Brown Bag Food Program will deliver a bag of groceries once a month to homebound program participants in Greenbelt. This would require approximately one hour once a month on the third Tuesday.

Adaptable Equipment volunteers will install adaptable equipment in the homes of disabled Greenbelt residents. Items include raised toilet seats, smoke detectors, etc. To volunteer call Joe Parisi at 301-474-8000.

## Greenbelt Dems Hear Senate Candidates

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold this month’s regular membership meeting on Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The guest speaker will be former Congressman Kweisi Mfume who represented Maryland’s 7th Congressional District for 10 years in the 1980s. Congressman Ben Cardin (D-Md. 3rd) is also invited. Both are running in the September 12 Democratic Preferential Primary for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Senator Paul Sarbanes.

The evening will begin with a short business meeting. Plans will be made for a picnic at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, June 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. and for the information booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

Prospective members and the public are welcome to attend. Members are asked to bring snacks or desserts to share during a social hour. For information call President Patricia Unger at 301-474-1052.

The May meeting, scheduled for Friday evening, May 19, will be the group’s annual Legislative Wrap-up, a review of the recent Maryland General Assembly session with State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross.

## Wildlife Photography At Greenbelt Park

Join a wildlife photographer and share photos of wildlife in national parks. Meet at the ranger station near the campground on Saturday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Park’s entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.



**FREE Pizza Night**

April 27, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders  
Greenbelt Youth Center

**Free Pizza and Games!!!  
Drop in & join the fun.**

**SOUL'D OUT Youth Group**  
More info call John or Jody  
(301) 574-2488

## Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule		
Date	Time	Games
Fri., April 14	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers
Fri., April 14	7:00 p.m.*	Cardinals vs. Lions
Sat., April 15	10:00 a.m.	Orioles vs. Athletics
Sat., April 15	1:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cubs
Mon., April 17	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Lions
Tues., April 18	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Orioles
Wed., April 19	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Orioles
Thurs., April 20	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cardinals
Fri., April 21	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants
Fri., April 21	7:00 p.m.*	Athletics vs. Tigers
Sat., April 22	10:00 a.m.	Lions vs. Indians
Sat., April 22	1:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Cubs

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 4/11/06			
American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Athletics	1 - 0	Cubs	1 - 0
Giants	1 - 1	Indians	0 - 0
Tigers	0 - 0	Cardinals	0 - 1
Orioles	0 - 0	Lions	0 - 1

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.  
\*These games will be played at Braden #2.

## Beaverdam Group To Hike and Clean

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group will have a pre-Earth Day roadside trash pickup hike on Saturday, April 15. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. on Research Road at the upper gate to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and hike along Research and Beaverdam Roads. Anyone who is interested is invited to join the hike and pickup. Trash bags will be provided; dress for the weather. Call Frank at 301-474-7680 for information.

## At the Library

**Children**  
Tuesday, April 18, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.  
Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 20 children.  
Thursday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 15 children.  
**Adults**  
Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m., – Book discussion of Alison Weir’s “Eleanor of Aquitaine.”

# Crazy Quilt Concert

## Sat., Apr. 15, noon to 8:00 PM

### Roosevelt Center

**Live music! Free event!**  
**Melissa Sites - noon, Doug Way - 12:30 PM**  
**The Scrub Pines - 1:15, Dan Zimmerman - 2:15**  
**Kitchen Gorilla - 3:00, Mike Elosh - 4:00**  
**Sense of Wonder - 5:00, Gina DeSimone- 6:00**  
**iLYaiMY - 7:00**

**In case of rain, performances will be held in New Deal Café. Co-sponsored by the New Deal Café and the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with contributions from the City of Greenbelt, the Prince George’s Arts Council, and Prince George’s County.**



## Community-wide Clean-Up



## We need YOU!

**...to help spruce up GHI's common areas.**

**When: Saturday, April 15 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Where: A common area near you.**

**Free paper yard waste bags will be available from GHI between 9-10 a.m.**

**Please stack yard waste bags on your serviceside for pickup.**



### Manned Space Flight Is New SAGE Topic

A new Seasoned Adults Growing through Education (SAGE) class begins at the Community Center on Wednesday, April 19 from 9:45 a.m. to noon. The class will be taught by Greenbelt resident Lawrence Suid. The course will be on the image and reality of manned space flight, a subject Suid researched under a contract with NASA. He has published several articles about how film images contributed to President Kennedy's decision to go to the moon.

The course will first look at how science fiction films portrayed a manned expedition to the moon. It will also consider "alien" space flight movies since they portrayed beings from other planets traveling through space. In virtually all such alien films, whether the aliens came in peace, such as "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and "Starman" or came to conquer, such as in "War of the Worlds," the American military attacked the visitors.


The course will then consider how President Kennedy made his decision to go to the moon, how the Apollo landings changed the cinematic portrayals of space flight and how 2001 served as the model for all future science fiction movies.

The SAGE program is an adult continuing education program of Prince George's Community College. Pre-registration for the class is required. Call 301-397-2208 for a registration form. Current SAGE students may call Prince George's Community College at 301-499-6612 to register. New SAGE students should call 301-322-0998 to register.

*Fellowship with us at  
Living Word Embassy  
Springhill Lake  
Recreational Center,  
Cherrywood Lane,  
Greenbelt  
Time 10:00 AM Every Sunday  
www.anointedwords.org;  
livingword@msn.com; 301-352-3657*

**Paint Branch Unitarian  
Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road,  
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
www.pbuuc.org  
*Welcomes you to our open,  
nurturing community*  
April 16, 10 a.m.  
An Earth Day Easter and Flower Festival  
Bring a flower or two to share.  
By Jacob B. and Barbara Ten Hove,  
co-ministers  
Pat Tompkins,  
worship associate

**Baha'i Faith**  
"So powerful is the light of unity  
that it can illuminate  
the whole earth."  
— Baha'u'llah  
  
Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

  
**Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS**  
  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building


### Easter Sunrise Service Planned


An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 16 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. The rain location will be the Greenbelt Baptist Church. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to the park.




### Patuxent Refuge Celebrates Earth Day

Join in the Earth Day celebration at the Patuxent National Wildlife North Tract on Saturday, April 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. Help wildlife by joining in removing non-native invasive plants and helping with trail maintenance. Naturalist-led walks will also be held. All ages are welcome. Dress to get dirty! The North Tract is located on Route 198.

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322  
  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor  
  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm  
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)  
*Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family through Loving Service*



**Family Nite @ the Movies**  
Starts Friday April 21 @ 7:30 pm  
1st Movie: "Chronicles of Narnia"

Pack a picnic basket and join us for wholesome family movies on the lawn at Greenbelt Baptist Church. We will kick off the season with "The Chronicles of Narnia" on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. In the event of rain we will show the movies in the Sanctuary (with projection also in the Fellowship Hall for those consuming food). We plan on showing movies every Friday Night through September 15<sup>th</sup>. Each movie night is sponsored by one of the ministries in our Church. Here's the schedule for through the end of May, so mark your calendars and invite a neighbor or friend to join us for some wholesome Friday evening fun!

04/21	All Ministries	The Chronicles of Narnia
04/28	Men's Ministry	The Never-ending Story
05/05	Streetlights Ministry	The Sound of Music
05/12	Women's Ministry	Dreamer
05/19	Youth Ministry	It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
05/26	Men's Ministry	Angels in the Outfield

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
  
Will Peter Cottontail fill your Easter Basket?  
Find out this Sunday!  
  
**Easter Sunday, April 16**  
8 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion  
9:15-10:15 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt and Activities for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion with Special Music  
  
Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

**Congregation  
Mishkan Torah**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223  
*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian  
synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your  
extended family in the 21st century.*  
  
Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
Opportunity for leadership development.  
Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
Interfaith families are welcome.  
  
*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*


### Our Neighbors

Congratulations to three employees from the Refuse and Recycling Department who were recognized for extra service to the community  
– Mike Jawer for his efforts to maintain Roosevelt Center for residents' use and  
– Frank Kellaher and Joe Mulhare for their help to a citizen in need.

**Hurst Memorial, Inurnment**  
A memorial service for former city council member Robert W. Hurst will be held at Greenbelt Community Church on Monday, May 8, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a full honors inurnment service at Arlington National Cemetery at 3 p.m. the same day.


**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am  
Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm  
Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am  
Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
  
Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/  
**Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.**  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor  
*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,  
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

**St. George's Episcopal/  
Anglican Church**  
7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org  
  
Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)  
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass  
*An inclusive congregation!*

**STOP, LOOK and LISTEN**  
to the beauty of the world around you.

"Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, and the ships which sail through the sea with that which is of use to mankind, and the water (rain) which God sends down from the sky and makes the earth alive therewith after its death, and the living creatures of all kinds that He has scattered therein, and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed signs for people of understanding."  
— The Holy Qur'an, 2:164  
  
This is the timeless message sent down to the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.

**Hope Fellowship**  
... living life together  
  
**Easter Worship & Celebration**  
April 16, 2006  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Classes for children, teens, and adults  
10:15-11:15 a.m. Worship  
Guest Speaker: Pastor Fitzpatrick  
  
Meeting at Washington Bible College  
(follow signs on Good Luck Road)  
For Information Call: (301)574-2488  
**...living life together**





# City Information

## Public Works OPEN HOUSE



**SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND**  
**11am-2pm**  
**555 Crescent Road**  
**301-474-8004**

Bring the family out to this popular annual event!

- \* Demonstrations \* Tours
- \* Hayrides \* Greenhouse
- \* Work Trucks \* Face
- Painting \* Kids Activities
- \* Light Refreshments



### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a  
**PUBLIC HEARING Monday, April 24, 2006, 8:00 p.m.**  
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2006-2007 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF  
THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.  
**GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2006-2007**

REVENUES	
Taxes .....	\$16,759,300
Licenses & Permits .....	895,600
Revenue from Other Agencies .....	963,300
Service Charges for Current Services .....	1,845,100
Fines & Forfeitures .....	695,500
Miscellaneous Revenues.....	317,600

TOTAL REVENUES ..... \$21,476,400

Appropriation of Fund Balance .....0

EXPENDITURES	
General Government .....	\$1,948,600
Planning and Community Development.....	883,300
Public Safety .....	8,356,400
Public Works .....	2,741,600
Social Services .....	586,700
Recreation and Parks.....	4,542,100
Miscellaneous.....	143,300
Non-Departmental.....	565,900
Fund Transfers .....	1,464,700

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ..... \$21,232,600

### PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund .....	\$151,400
Cemetery Fund .....	0
Debt Service Fund.....	928,200
Replacement Fund .....	399,000
Special Projects Fund .....	90,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS ..... \$1,568,600

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund.....	\$1,477,300
2001 Bond Fund.....	1,500,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund .....	100,000

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS ..... \$3,077,300

### ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House ..... \$1,159,100

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Monday, May 22, 2006. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Channel 71.

**VISIT [WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV](http://WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV) FOR CITY  
INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES.**

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City  
Council advisory groups.  
Vacancies exist on the:  
Advisory Committee  
on Trees,  
Arts Advisory Board,  
Park and Recreation  
Advisory Board  
Youth Advisory  
Committee (adult member)  
For more information,  
please call 301-474-8000.



## EARTH DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

10 a.m. – Noon

HILLSIDE UNDERPASS,  
(By Crescent Road)

Celebrate Earth Day with the Recycling  
and Environment Advisory Committee  
and help plant native plants at the newly  
landscaped Hillside Underpass.

### ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Volunteer community service hours will be given.

For more information, call Cindy Murray at  
301- 474-8004.

### GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Annual Egg Hunt



Bring your baskets and find the eggs that the Bunny  
and his Helpers have hidden. They have hidden  
many eggs, including some very special  
Golden Eggs that include extraordinary prizes.

WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 2006

WHERE: Buddy Attick Lake Park

WHO: Children from 18 months thru 6th Grade

TIME: 10:00am SHARP!!!!!!



In case of inclement weather, the Hunt  
will be held on Monday, April 17th  
at Buddy Attick Lake Park.  
Please check the weather hotline  
at 301-474-5525 for event status.

For more information please call the  
Recreation Department at 301-397-2200



## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



**Saturday, April 22**  
**Noon**

**Hillside Underpass**  
**(by Crescent Road)**

Join members of the Advisory  
Committee on Trees for an  
Arbor Day Planting.

Following the planting, enjoy a  
tour of large and unusual trees  
throughout the city.

Tour will also pick up at the  
Public Works Open House.

Info: 301-474-8004

### MEETINGS FOR APRIL 17-21

- Monday, April 17th, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session-  
Planning and Community Development and Capital  
Projects, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).
- Wednesday, April 19th, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning  
Board, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. On the  
Agenda: Greenbelt Station South Core – Detailed Site Plan  
review for Pulte townhouse development (continued from  
March 15th meeting) Info: 301-345-5417.
- Wednesday, April 19th, 7:30pm, Budget Work Session-  
Public Works, Community Center.
- Thursday, April 20th, 7:30pm, Forest Preserve Task  
Force, Community Center Conference Room. On the  
Agenda: Review of proposed revisions to the Forest Preserve  
article, Review of proposed legislation to establish a permanent  
Forest Preserve Advisory Committee, Recommendation to  
designate the Sunrise property as part of the Greenbelt Forest  
Preserve, Recommendation to designate Parcel 15 (Belle Point)  
as part of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. If you are unable  
to attend the meeting, please call or email Celia Craze at  
(301)345-5417 or ccraze@greenbeltmd.gov.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is  
being held call the number listed above or contact the City Clerk at 301-  
474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.*

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 17th at 8pm: Council Budget Work Session  
(live) Tuesday & Thursday, April 18 & 20: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert – Healthy Cooking  
for One or a Couple,” 7:15pm ACE Reading Club – Magnolia Elementary, 7:30pm Replay of City  
Council Meeting.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 19 & 21: 7:00pm  
Medicare RX, 7:30pm G-Mix, 8:30pm Greenbelt Arts Center “The Forest.”



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a preferred provider program and a spin-off from the visiting nurse program offering pediatric care services.

Although these programs cost relatively little, there is concern that they have an administrative impact on GAIL. Park recommended that the city determine its vision for future program and personnel growth.

One need cited in the budget: a part-time case manager to help seniors including regular assessments of their needs. Also to be looked at in the coming year: the extent of homelessness in Greenbelt.

### Budget Overview

When the Social Services review was completed, electrical power had been restored and the worksession returned to council chambers for the budget overview. This mostly consisted of ground already covered in the city manager's budget presentation at the council's March 27 regular meeting; plus additional detail from Williams.

McLaughlin started the discussion by tracing the level of the city's "undesignated and unreserved fund balance" since Fiscal Year 2004. The proposed FY07 budget calls it "prudent for the city to maintain some reserves, should the city experience either a revenue shortfall or an emergency major expenditure." An "unreserved" fund balance of at least 10 percent of current year expenditures is recommended.

At the worksession, McLaughlin noted figures from the past three years, dropping from \$2,486,661 to \$877,155, 4.5 percent of the then-current year expenditures.

Now recovering, the fund balance is expected to reach 6 percent in June 2006. FY07 is projected at \$1,442,330 or 6.8 percent of the current year operating expenditures.

Both McLaughlin and Williams noted that a healthy fund balance is needed to keep the city's favorable bond rating. Williams then provided more detailed analysis of projected revenues for FY07.

### Real Property Taxes

Next year 51 percent of all Greenbelt revenue will come from taxes on real property, contrasted with 41 percent in 2003. For FY07, estimated real estate property assessments are 8 percent higher than those for 2006 and reflect an increase of 10 percent for residential property and 5 percent for business property.

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viewed valued the ability to have a say in community rules. They enjoy being part of an active community which has often been ahead of its time, for instance in the case of recycling. Several of the people we interviewed do not mind relatively small regulations about their housing exteriors because they have a voice in making those very rules.

### Debate

As several of our interviewees suggested, the community can actively debate civic issues and not be torn apart by it. This happens because people do not let the issues become personal and because people are still more deeply committed to the fundamental principle of an individual voice within a larger cooperative

community. Noting that Greenbelt is finishing its third year of the state-required triennial assessment, Williams said the average annual assessment increase since FY95 is less than 3 percent.

On the other hand, the Greenbelt yield from the personal property tax is bleaker, increasing only 0.9 percent for FY07. This poor performance is due to business losses last year, such as the Sports Authority closing at Beltway Plaza. A further risk for FY08 pivots on disposition of Northrup Grumman operations in the Maryland Trade Center.

### Income Taxes

The proposed budget projects an increase of 3 percent from Maryland Income Taxes paid by Greenbelt residents. Williams noted that this percentage for the city lags behind the statewide average of 5.5 percent. With the closing the six-theater complex at Beltway Plaza and recent council-approved reduction of the admissions and amusement tax as an incentive for the upgrading (and continuing operation) of the Plaza's Academy 8 Theaters, city revenue from theater admissions for FY07 are projected at just \$70,000, down from over \$200,000 last year.

On the up side, city staff expect that the state will reinstate previous cuts in Highway User Taxes flowing to the city and project \$730,000 in FY07. Other revenue increases include income from city parking tickets and improved income resulting from higher interest rates (on city-invested reserve funds).

On expenditures, it was noted that fee revenue for both the Aquatic & Fitness Center and the Community Center was trending down. The Aquatic & Fitness facility is projected to drop to 59 percent in FY07, from 66 percent in FY05. The Community Center is expected to achieve only 33 percent, as opposed to 39 percent in FY05.

With the delay due to the power outage, council did not take up some budget matters raised in a March 30 memo from McLaughlin. One dealt with proposed revisions the manager was recommending for the city's self-insurance program for prescription medicines and proposed changes in the city's approach for handling employee overtime. Council expressed a desire to take up these issues at its scheduled April 26 worksession on the Public Safety Budget.

community.

As we studied Greenbelt, we were very impressed by the current commitment to the founding principles of a healthy life style, cooperation and community as influenced by our more modern knowledge and understanding. We were also impressed by Greenbelt's ability to debate, disagree, vote and then continue as a united, working community. It made us wish that all of our society could actively debate an issue and then reunite as a cooperative, democratic community the way Greenbelt does. This was a very interesting and useful subject for us to study because it gave us a model we could try to apply in our own future communities.

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building are the nursery school and the adult care center, he said.

TGBTG, which also operates adult care centers in Brentwood and Bowie, wanted to trade-in its fleet of buses for a newer one but financing for the new fleet is contingent on the company's lease agreement. TGBTG received 11 buses from the former owner and spent \$37,500 on inspections. Four of the buses serve the Greenbelt location.

The facility is in compliance having completed its 90-day inspection with the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene last May. There were no citations, violations, fines, penalties or fees, said Booker. Assistant City Manager David Moran reported that TGBTG was in compliance with the city's lease agreement.

TGBTG bought the adult care center from Baptist Senior Adult Ministries (BSAM) last year when it was determined that BSAM would be sold to a for-profit company that would most likely close the adult care centers. Council agreed to transfer the lease from BSAM to TGBTG on the condition that the new owners provided a receipt of a copy of a license to operate a medical adult care center from the appropriate state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene offices; proof of liability insurance; and satisfactory evidence that the executive management team operating TGBTG has experience in the adult care field.

After purchasing the adult day centers, programs and staff were increased, said Booker. Programs include Pets on Wheels, arts and crafts and other interactive activities. Staff at the Greenbelt location doubled and includes a director, a director coordinator, two social workers and two full-time registered nurses. Booker also added 65 volunteers from Prince George's Community College who provide nursing and therapeutic services.

## Election Law Changes Public Forum by LWV

Maryland's League of Women Voters, in partnership with its Prince George's County chapter, will hold a public information forum on Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center.

The topic of discussion will be the recent changes in the election laws of Maryland that will affect voters in the Tuesday, September 12 Primary Election and the General Election on Tuesday, November 7. Issues to be covered include "early voting," regulations and procedures for absentee ballots, the rights of "provisional" ballot voters and the possible election of a Board of Education for Prince George's County.

Robin Downs Colbert, executive director of the Prince George's County Board of Elections will provide information on the position of election judges, who are employed by the board and the rules for the use of poll workers and poll watchers by the various political candidates.

Elected officials from the 22nd Legislative District as well as other members of the General Assembly will attend.

For additional information, email LWVMD@aol.com or call 301-864-1016 or 410-269-0232.

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## Publick Playhouse



### LEGENDS OF WEST AFRICA

Friday April 14, 8 pm



### DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE

Saturday, April 22, 8 pm

Only Washington Area Appearances!

301-277-1710 TTY 301-277-3012

Call for information about performances and master classes.

Prince George's Publick Playhouse



## Author, Artist and Bead Lady

# Eleanor Wiley

In town April 30<sup>th</sup> at

## SPARK OF SPIRIT

### Workshop:

12:30 - 3:30

A String and a Prayer: Creating and Using

Contemporary Prayer Beads

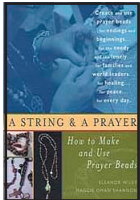
Only \$55

### Meet the Author and Book Signing:

4 - 5 pm

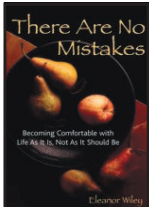
### Trunk Show:

All Day



Reservations strongly advised  
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for details or call 301-345-1486.

9937 Rhode Island Avenue  
College Park, MD



## The Co-op Needs Current Addresses For the Following Members

Katherine Adelaide  
Kiolo Ajanaku  
Donna Allen  
Barbara Aycock  
Gene Marie Brown  
Jimmie H. Brown, Jr.  
Tobi Burch-Rates  
Angelina Clark  
Dennis Chiu  
Linda Conboy  
Kyle Couch  
Antonio Deans  
Renata Deris  
Aniket Desai  
James Thomas Doucet  
Madeline Du Bois  
Mary Galscow Emad  
Patricia Escobar-Paramo  
Natalia Filina  
Melanie France  
Brenda Garton  
Georgi Georgiev  
Richard Goodman  
Samuel Grammar  
Ruth Griffin  
Deena Hausner  
Stephen Holder  
Jay Halpern  
Walter T. Hogan, Jr.  
Laurie A. Hortie  
Robert K. Jacoby  
Dan Johannes  
Michael T. Jones

Jonathan Kamarck  
Janice E. Kilgore  
Ethel M. Lalor  
Robert Leamon  
Leslie Leonard  
Anne Looker  
Amy Margolis  
Thelma O. Massey  
Ruth Mathes  
Agnes McFarland  
Maryalice Miller  
Barnett Minick  
Laura C. Moore  
Mary Kate Morris  
Chet Nash  
Coleman O'Donoghue  
Joe Parker  
Roamer Predmore  
Katherine M. Roland  
Richard B. Rood  
Terrance Rucker  
Andrea Ruffin  
William Scheig  
Stella Shaw  
Martha E. Sinden  
Kerrie Smith  
Mike Sweeney  
Phillip Uhlmann  
Emma Verling  
Patrick Whitehead  
A.T. Young  
Mary M. Zajicek

Please let us know by phone or by mail if you can help us out

### Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative

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Closed Sunday



# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

April 2, 10:27 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a pizza delivery person reported that she attempted to make a food delivery but that there was no answer at the door. As she left the apartment building and was walking back to her vehicle, she was grabbed from behind by four males. They threatened her and took her money, food and car keys; then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as four black males, all 15 to 18 years of age and wearing all black clothing. The first was 5'9" to 6', 145 to 165 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black North Face jacket; the second was 5'9" to 5'11", 145 to 155 pounds with black hair in corn rows and brown eyes; the third was 5'8" to 5'10"; and the fourth was 5'10" to 6'.

April 3, 9:01 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a food delivery person reported that he had completed a delivery and was about to exit the apartment building when he was approached by a man, who pointed a gun at him. The delivery person yelled and ran back up the stairs and the man fled the area. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'8" with a thin build, wearing a puffy thigh-length jacket and a mask.

April 3, 10:14 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with attempted robbery and first-degree assault. A man reported that he was approached by three people, one armed with a handgun. The man ran from the area toward Beltway Plaza, followed by the suspects. The suspects stopped chasing the man and left the area. Persons matching the description of the suspects were stopped a short time later in the area of Edmonston Road and Breezewood Drive. The victim positively identified a man as one of the three suspects who attempted to rob him. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. Two other persons were released pending further investigation.

### DWI Arrest

April 4, 1:34 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license and other traffic offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Drug Arrest

April 1, 12:50 p.m., 2 Court Forestway, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had an open arrest warrant. Further investigation revealed that the youth, a passenger in the vehicle, was in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The youth was released to a par-

ent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Arson

April 6, 3:53 p.m., 7900 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) set a piece of paper on fire in the hallway of a condominium building. The fire was extinguished by the reporting person with minor damage reported. The Prince George's County Fire Department Investigations Unit was notified of the incident.

### Trespass

March 27, 3:35 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a non-resident youth was petitioned for trespass after he was observed on school grounds after he had previously been banned from the property.

### Public Drinking

April 2, 2:36 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, four resident men were arrested and charged with consuming alcoholic beverages in public after they were observed drinking beer in the common area of an apartment complex. All four were released on citation pending trial.

### Burglaries

April 3, 11:29 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out the living room window. Wristwatches and cash were taken.

April 4, 1:48 a.m., 9234 Springhill Lane, a witness reported that he observed a person attempting to break out the front window to the Hunan China Restaurant and then flee the scene. The glass was broken out but it could not be determined if entry was gained.

April 6, 8:02 p.m., 7700 block Ora Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by way of the unlocked rear sliding glass door. Two video game players and a video game were taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

March 30, Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane, three Laurel youths were arrested for motor vehicle theft, theft over \$500 and two counts each of attempted motor vehicle theft. Police responded to a report of a tampering in progress in the 6300

block of Ivy Lane. The youths were located leaving the area and were detained by police. The youths were positively identified as the same persons who were attempting to steal the vehicle. They were also identified by a witness as the same persons who attempted to steal two other vehicles in the 6400 block of Ivy lane. While transporting the youths back to the station, an abandoned vehicle was observed in the roadway in the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1993 Buick Century 4-door, had been reported stolen. Evidence found inside the vehicle implicated the youths in the theft of that vehicle. All three were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Four vehicles were reported stolen: a champagne 1996 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 2BLK06 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a green 1997 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 4BGK46 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; a gold 1996 Acura SLX SUV, Maryland tags M358190 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; and a gray 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier 4-door, Maryland tags LCY385 from the 34 Court Crescent Road.

One stolen vehicle was recovered by city police with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (two incidents), 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 6600 block Lake Park Drive, Roosevelt Center, 7200 block Hanover Drive and 7900 block Mandan Road.

Other incidents handled by police during the past week, for which there are no narratives include: three assaults, including one domestic assault; seven shopliftings; one emergency psychiatric commitment; three missing persons; and assistance to Riverdale Park police in a search for possible armed persons.

# Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a bi-weekly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) The report includes recent incidents, news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

### Incident Report

For the month of March, GVFD&RS responded to a total of 131 engine and 152 ambulance calls. Among those calls were 42 reports of smoke or fire, 12 automatic fire alarms, six gas leaks, 48 motor vehicle accidents and 118 medical calls.

### Beltway Accidents

On March 25 at 1:44 p.m., Greenbelt was alerted to respond to a motor vehicle accident on the Beltway with possible entrapment. Units from West Lanham Hills and Berwyn Heights also responded. Responding units found a two-vehicle accident on the Inner Loop near Good Luck Road with one occupant trapped. The trapped person was freed and transported to an area trauma facility with life-threatening injuries. Greenbelt's ambulance transported an occupant from the other vehicle to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Shortly after returning from that accident, Greenbelt was alerted to

another motor vehicle accident on the Inner Loop near Route 1. Greenbelt's engine and ambulance responded with units from other area stations. Two cars were involved in an accident as they approached the traffic backup due to the first accident. Only one occupant reported injuries and that person was transported by Greenbelt's ambulance to an area hospital.

### Volunteers Sought

The GVFD&RS is looking for volunteers age 16 and up. Become a firefighter, EMT or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. To find out more call the station at 301-345-7000, visit the website at [www.engine35.com](http://www.engine35.com) or stop by the station and ask to speak to an officer.

Questions and comments regarding this report or any fire department issues can be directed to public [info@engine35.com](mailto:info@engine35.com) or to 301-345-7000.

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Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is that time again to ask for your generous donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., in our **Annual General Fund Drive for 2006**. We will be starting our fund drive in late April or early May. We truly appreciate your contributions during the previous fund drives.

You will receive your donation package in the mail during the month of April or early May. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at: 125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail us your contribution. Please note the new mailing address for the station: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept., 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

As in the past, I would like to **emphasize strongly** that you **do not accept any solicitations over the telephone** from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. **For this Annual General Fund Drive during the months of April/May, we only ask for donations through the mail.**

We have received some questions from concerned citizens as to some of our other scheduled fundraisers. During the month of December we conduct what we call our annual boot drive. At various intersections throughout the city we station our members so that they are able to collect donations in fire boots.

May I encourage you to come and enjoy a day of bingo at the station on Sundays and Fridays or at the Elks Lodge #1778 on Kenilworth Ave. in Riverdale, Md., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We offer food and drink at no cost to you and all of our bingos are now **SMOKE-FREE**.

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past and continued support during our **General Fund Drive**.

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## BARC Highlights New Technologies

On February 23 the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) highlighted examples of the research and development currently underway at its facilities during "Bioscience for Life: Technology to Enhance Health, the Environment and Agriculture." This all-day event, held in College Park, provided attending entrepreneurs and local companies insight into potential commercialization opportunities at BARC. The showcase was hosted by the Maryland Technology Development Corp. (TEDCO) and the Tech Council of Maryland.

During the showcase BARC researchers illustrated why it is the largest and most diversified agricultural campus in the world and an international leader in agricultural research. Attendees learned about studies into protein as material for fuel cells and organic conductors, swine immunology capabilities at BARC and research into anthocyanins (pigments in plants responsible for certain colors) in food ingredients and supplements.

The program featured a keynote presentation from Roger Dehnell, director of Cocoa Sustainability at the Mars Corporation, who discussed its Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with BARC. The two organizations have been working together for more than a decade on projects including research into cacao trees that are more resistant to fungal diseases such as witches' broom, frosty pod rot and black pod.

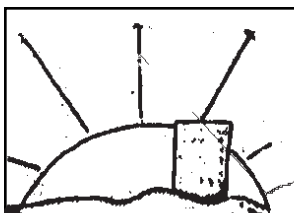
Leaders from Atlantic Biomass Conversions, Imagilin Technology, AGDIA and AeroView International also shared their experiences in partnering with BARC. Attendees participated in customized tours of the BARC facilities and also had the opportunity to visit TEDCO's new office at BARC where TEDCO officials provided an overview of state and federal funding support and the process to carry out technology transfer agreements.

## Glen Oaks to Become Roosevelt Reserve

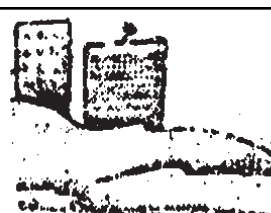
This summer there will be a new condominium community in Greenbelt East to be known as Roosevelt Reserve. Eleven of the Glen Oaks rental apartment buildings on Mandan Road nearest to Greenbelt Road are to be converted to condos. The one, two and three bedroom apartments, some with dens, will be priced from the mid-\$200,000s according to a website for the community. Roosevelt Reserve, as well as Glen Oaks, are a part of the Greenbriar Condominium Association and share in ownership of the community association clubhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road.

Advertising literature describes Roosevelt Reserve in Greenbelt to be a "secluded condominium community" set "amidst majestic trees and parkland" that will cater "to those who desire tranquility . . . a home one step removed from the hectic pace of the city, yet close to every modern convenience imaginable."

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis said that she had been advised that the remaining Glen Oaks buildings next to Greenbriar section 3 are to remain rental apartments for now.



# Greenbelt's Business



## Safeway Supports Easter Seals

Safeway has announced that it will launch a fundraising campaign for Easter Seals, one of the established, respected charities dedicated to helping people with disabilities and special needs. The company's goal is to raise \$250,000 in April while also raising awareness about Easter Seals' programs and services.

During the campaign Safeway customers can donate by purchasing a paper angel at checkout stands in all stores. The angel theme complements Easter Seals' "Angel of Change" program, which spotlights people whose contributions or efforts have brought about change.

Locally, Safeway has supported the charity for the past 28 years, raising in excess of \$11 million with a large percentage of the funds being raised through its benefit golf tournament which grosses at least \$300,000 annually.

## Verizon Collecting Used Cell Phones

Those whose spring cleaning has unearthed cell phones no longer in use are urged by Verizon to donate them for refurbishing/recycling through its national HopeLine program. HopeLine recycles used cell phones and provides the proceeds to help domestic violence victims. With funds raised, Verizon donates wireless phones and airtime to domestic violence prevention programs and service providers. Since 2001, more than 2.5 million phones have been donated and more than 500,000 have been recycled, resulting in \$2 million in HopeLine cash grants to local domestic violence prevention and awareness programs.

Old cell phones can be dropped at any Verizon Wireless store. For more information about donating a wireless phone visit [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline).

Greenbelt businesses are asked to share their news on the Business Page.

## BARC Lecture Open to Public

The next lecture in the BARC distinguished lecture series will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium of BARC Building 003. The speaker Dr. Wendell Roelofs, professor and chair of the Department of Entomology at Cornell University, will present a talk on "Decoding Chemical Signals from Insects to Elephants."

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**Art Deco Lecture Set for April 18**  
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The Museum's "Metro Deco" lecture has been rescheduled for April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 201. The speaker for the museum-hosted free lecture is Linda Lyons of the D.C. Art Deco Society.

The area has a rich collection of buildings of the Art Deco era, a design movement that flourished between the two world wars. Art Deco is associated both with the Jazz Age of the 1920s and the machine-age streamlining of the 1930s. In the Washington area, although official buildings tended to be conservative in design, many commercial and residential buildings were Moderne (the term for Art Deco at the time) in style. These included the Hecht Company Warehouse, the Kennedy-Warren apartment house, movie theaters such as the Silver Theatre and the Greyhound Bus Station. But more modest storefronts, garden apartments and publicly financed housing also were built. Lyons will discuss historic preservation efforts of the Art Deco Society of Washington and explain where the name Art Deco came from.

For more information contact the Greenbelt Museum office at 301-507-6582 or [museum@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:museum@greenbeltnmd.gov).



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To identify the type of bus transit services needed and to assess current and future transportation needs of those who live and work within Prince George's County, DPW&T will hold three community transit workshops to provide an overview of current and future services and an opportunity for attendees to address their various service needs.

A meeting for residents will be held on Monday, April 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hyattsville Library Meeting Room, 6532 Adelphi Road. A second meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Prince George's Community College, Conference Room 2 in the Student Center, 301 Largo Road, Largo.

These community transit workshops are open to all who are interested. Free shuttle service will be provided from the Prince George's Plaza Metrorail Station on April 17 and the Largo Town Center Metrorail Station on April 20. Special para-transit services for the disabled are available by calling 301-883-5656 at least two days before the workshop.

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Custom-Built Home Overlooking BARC Property

This 5 bedroom, 6 1/2 bath home is one of a kind. 6-car garage, too many amenities to mention. This home is enormous! \$950,000 U.C.

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3-Level GHI

This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome has a full, finished basement with bathroom. Large screened porch, remodeled kitchen & more. \$304,900

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Brick Townhome

Two bedroom GHI home with 11'x17' master bedroom. Separate dining room and remodeled kitchen. Fenced backyard. Coming Soon! \$249,900

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GHI with Extra Bath

Beautiful 3 br, 1 1/2 bath Frame GHI unit, many upgrades, new floor downstairs, move-in condition, great kitchen! Just \$204,900 SOLD

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This three bedroom townhome has a large, opened kitchen and spacious family room addition. Just a few steps to Roosevelt Center! Coming Soon

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Greenbrook

Beautiful townhome in move-in condition. Garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths & breakfast area overlooking woodlands. Nice! \$355,000 SOLD

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Affordable Housing

GHI 2 bedroom townhome with hardwood floors & new paint downstairs; new carpet on the top level. Updated kitchen & bathroom. \$178,500 U.C.

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Brick Townhome on Corner Lot

This 2 bedroom home has central air and heating; a rarity for GHI! Close to Roosevelt Center - rear addition laundry room. \$249,900 U.C.

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Great value in this 2 bedroom GHI home. Two bedrooms and two full levels. Lots of improvements at a bargain price! Just \$164,900. SOLD

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Corner lot with addition

GHI frame townhome with one of the largest yards in GHI. Boiler room addition has full bath and forced-air heating & cooling. \$214,990 SOLD

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Brick End Unit With Large Addition

GHI townhome with 3 bedrooms & hardwood floors upstairs. Lower level addition has half-bath. Steps to Roosevelt Center. \$264,900 U.C.

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New Listing in GHI

This two bedroom townhome is adjacent to protected woodlands and miles of hiking trails. Get out of the rent trap and buy now! \$178,900

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Backs To Woodlands

Three bedroom GHI townhome with addition and wooded backyard that overlooks Parcel One with lots trees and wildlife. \$199,900 SOLD

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Three Bedroom Townhome

Refinished oak hardwood flooring on both levels. Front porch addition with sliding glass doors. Across from park & play area. \$174,900 SOLD

Your Greenbelt Specialists



## Registration for GED Courses on April 25

Greenbelt CARES will hold the spring 10-week GED courses every Tuesday and Thursday, April 25 through June 29. Registration for the courses will be held on Tuesday, April 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. only. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, April 27.

GED I classes are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II classes are held from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 25 Crescent Road. Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents in either course. Nonresidents are required to pay a registration fee. All students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook and calculator (purchased from Greenbelt CARES).

Students do not have to be 16 years of age in order to take the GED course. Students may take a GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES at no cost. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland, not Greenbelt CARES. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or email [jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov).

## PGCMA Offers Scholarship

The Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) is offering scholarships to residents of municipalities in Prince George's County. Applications can be picked up at any Prince George's municipality. The entire application (including letters of recommendation) is due no later than April 28. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Selection of the scholarships will be made by a countywide selection committee and will be announced by the end of May.

Applicants must be accepted to or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate degree program intended to prepare students for a career in governmental or public service. Applicants must also have good scholastic standing, i.e., they must have at least a 2.0 GPA. Municipal officials and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in this scholarship program.

The scholarship application may be downloaded from [www.laurel.md.us/scholarships.htm](http://www.laurel.md.us/scholarships.htm). Questions regarding this scholarship program can be directed to the PGCMA Scholarship Committee c/o Councilmember Michael Leszcz, City of Laurel, 301-725-5300, ext. 120.



# Schools in the News



## Co. Exec. Approves School Bd. Budget

The Prince George's County Board of Education and Interim CEO Howard A. Burnett have applauded County Executive Jack B. Johnson's proposal to fully fund the school system's operating budget for the next school year. Johnson approved the board's \$1.5 billion Fiscal Year 2007 operating budget. If approved by the county council, the public schools would receive an increase of \$127 million over last year's budget. For the third straight year, the county's investment in schools would increase by at least \$100 million.

Nearly \$50 million is dedicated for salary increases for the 17,000 school system employees. Additional investments will be used to open new schools and expand early childhood and special education programs. An additional 17 middle school and 44 high school teaching positions will also be funded to strengthen instruction in core learning areas.

Additional focal points of the FY07 budget request include student preparation for state assessments as well as targeted preparation and extended learning opportunities to ensure students' progress to the next grade level. Before, after and Saturday school programs will continue to help expand students' algebraic and literary competencies.

The budget development process included three public forums in October and November to receive input on budget priorities. The Board of Education held three public hearings in January and public work sessions on the budget in January and February. In addition the school system surveyed public opinion on its website.

County council will hold public hearings and work sessions on the county executive's proposal in April and May before adopting a budget for the county by June 1. The Board of Education will meet in June to reconcile its FY07 budget request with amounts approved by county council and adopt a final budget by June 30, submitting any related transfers to the county council for approval in June or July.

## Board of Education Meets April 20

The Prince George's County Board of Education will meet on Thursday, April 20 at 7:05 p.m. in the Sasscer Administration Building in the Board Meeting Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

The meeting is open to the public. Public participation is encouraged. Interested persons may speak for two minutes by registering with the board office by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308.

## Applications Sought For Principal for a Day

Prince George's County Public Schools, in partnership with the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, is inviting local business, government and community leaders to participate in the third annual Principal for a Day program on April 27 in the county's public elementary, middle and high schools.

"More than 150 business professionals participated in this extraordinary experience last year," said Howard A. Burnett, interim chief executive officer. "This year we challenge the business community to provide a participant for each of our 199 schools. This is an excellent opportunity for the business community to experience the challenges and rewards encountered by our principals on a daily basis," he said.

The Principal for a Day program allows stakeholders an opportunity to come into the public schools for a very up-close, very real view of school life. Each participant will shadow the school's principal, allowing them access to information from teachers, staff and students about the challenges faced in public education.

Principal for a Day participants are assigned to a school where they will spend the entire school day working with the principal on a variety of duties. Participants should arrive approximately 30 minutes before the start of school and should remain at school until the final bell of the day in order to experience a complete school day. Participants will dive into the normal workday schedule and observe the scope of the daily responsibilities of principals in Prince George's County public schools.

### Typical Day

A typical school day would include: greeting students upon arrival; reading the pledge of allegiance and/or morning announcements; visiting classrooms; cafeteria and/or playground duty; meeting with students, parents and faculty; participating in student activities or special events at school; visiting an after-school program; and assisting in the supervision of the dismissal of students.

Applicants are asked to select three schools in order of preference, which will be honored if possible. However, if their selections have already been assigned, a substitution will be made. Each Principal for a Day will receive a school profile at the orientation session of their choice.

For more information and an application, log on to [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) or contact Glenda Harmon at 301-952-6374 or [Glenda.harmon@pgcps.org](mailto:Glenda.harmon@pgcps.org).

## Hoyer Invites Entries In Art Competition

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) invites high school art students who reside in Maryland's 5th Congressional District, which includes Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties and parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties, to participate in the 25th Annual Congressional Arts Competition during the first week of April.

"This competition provides our young people with valuable opportunities to showcase their artwork on a national stage and receive scholarship funding for their further education," said Hoyer. "I encourage high school students in my district to take advantage of this great opportunity and enter their work in the competition."

Hoyer sent letters to all of the high schools in the 5th District announcing the Congressional Arts Competition the first week of April.

Through the Annual Congressional Arts Competition, members of Congress showcase the artistic talent of high school students within their districts, recognizing the gifted young artists of the nation.

To be considered for the competition, all artwork must be delivered to one of Hoyer's district offices located in Waldorf or Greenbelt by May 19. Students interested in participating can call Hoyer's Waldorf District Office at 301-843-1577 with any questions.

After entries have been submitted by the required date, representatives from the local education and business community will review the artwork and select one to represent the 5th Congressional District on display in the U.S. Capitol. All other entries will be displayed in Hoyer's Waldorf District Office for one year. The judging is scheduled to take place during the week of May 22. Once a winner is selected he or she will be invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Washington, D.C., on June 28.

## ACT Test Deadline To Register May 5

The next nationwide ACT test date for college-bound high school students is Saturday, June 10. Students must register online or have their paper registrations postmarked by May 5. Late registration postmark deadline is May 19 and requires an additional \$18 fee.

Around two-thirds of test-takers in June have just completed the eleventh grade. Many of them take the ACT, check their scores and then decide whether to re-test in the fall or winter of their senior year. ACT allows students to report only the scores that they want to colleges.

The ACT includes an optional writing test. Most colleges do not require a writing score, so students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they're considering before registering for the test. The fee is smaller without the writing test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The website also features test tips, practice tests, an online test prep program and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

The ACT is an exam that includes four tests: English, reading, math and science. Students who opt to take the writing test will add 30 minutes to the normal 3-hour testing time.

## 5K Run/Walk Puts Books in Classrooms

Excellence in Education Foundation announces the Third Annual Race for Education 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, April 22 at 9 a.m. The course starts at Perrywood Elementary School at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. Pre-registration is available now online by credit card at <http://www.eefpg.org>. Mail-in and race day registrations are also available. For information call 301-780-5909. There will be prizes and all participants get a T-shirt. Proceeds benefit the foundation's initiative for reading libraries in classrooms throughout Prince George's County.



**Friends of the Greenbelt Museum  
Annual Membership and Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
Multi-Purpose Room (Room 201)**

### Agenda

- Sign In and Refreshments
- Curator's Report
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Incoming and Outgoing Board Members
- Question and Answer Period
- Door Prize

**The Curator will provide an exclusive SNEEK PEAK at several newly acquired objects to the collection, including a few from the Roy Braden Family collection, at the meeting. Don't miss this chance to see these fascinating objects close up!**

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